

Some orders of magnitude concerning AO systems:

	@500nm	@2 . 2µm
spatial sampling (WFS analysis elements size) → d ≈ r ₀	≈ 10 cm	≈ 60 cm
number of WFS analysis elements (≈ number of D → N ∝ (D/d)², with D=10m	M actuators) ≈ 7500	≈ 200
temporal sampling $\rightarrow f \propto 10 v/r_0$	≈ 1 kHz	≈ 0.2 kHz

Introduction to Adaptive Optics

Credits: ESO and Jennifer Lotz

As astronomers attempt to understand the limits of the physical universe, they must look deep into the night sky with a sharp eye. Unfortunately, looking into the night sky is like looking up from the bottom of a swimming pool. Turbulence in the upper atmosphere causes spatial and temporal anomalies in atmosphere's refractive index and any planar wavefront of light passing through this turbulence will experience phase distortions by the time it reaches a ground-based telescope. These phase distortions blur the images obtained by the telescope and result in resolution an order of magnitude worse than the theoretical capabilities of the telescope. The power of ground-based telescopes to observe and resolve distant faint astronomical objects is limited by the effects of the atmosphere on the light coming from these objects.

The desire to avoid the image degradation due to the atmosphere was one of the main motivations behind the MPIA ALFA Project.

In recent years, astronomers have developed the technique of adaptive optics to actively sense and correct wavefront distortions at the telescope during observations. A telescope with adaptive optics measures the wavefront distortions with a wavefront sensor and then applies phase corrections with a deformable mirror on a time scale comparable to the temporal variations of the atmosphere's index of refraction. Adaptive optics dramatically improves image resolution as shown in the AO principle drawings below.



Blurred, uncorrected image (without Adaptive Optics)

With Adaptive Optics corrected image

For more information see Adaptive Optics Tutorial in german or english by Stefan Hippler and Andrei Tokovinin.

MPIA - Adaptive Optics at MPIA -People - Job Opportunities - Search last update: 3 April 2007 editor of this page: Stefan Hippler









(Lick Observatory, 1-m telescope, left: FWHM≈1", right: FWHM≈λ/D)



(Gemini Observatory, Hokupa'a+Quirc, left: FWHM≈0"85, right: FWHM≈0"09)

Galactic Center / 2.2 microns 13"x13" Field. 15 minutes exposure.

Without Adaptive Optics compensation 0.57" Seeing

> With Adaptive Optics compensation 0.13" Full Width at Half Maximum



HST - WFPC2 (I-band)

VLT YEPUN - NAOS - CONICA (K-band)

(HST vs. NACO/VLT)

(CFHT, long-exp. images (15'))





(Neptune à 1.65 microns, Keck Observatory, mai et juin 1999)



From Marois et al. 2010: main sequence star HD8799, six exoplanets detected in 2013, from which 5 from (X)AO systems and 1 from HST. <u>Context: detection &</u> <u>characterisation of exoplanets</u>

very high dynamic range
=> coronagraphy + extreme AO (XAO)

XAO usefull also for observing other types of faint objects (close to much brighter ones): circumstellar matter, (disks, jets), AGN, quasars, etc.



<u>Context: wide-field</u> <u>astronomical imaging</u>

very wide fields
=> multi-reference
(& multi-conjugate)
AO systems...

First-light image of GeMS, the MCAO system of Gemini diffraction limit over a 2' square FoV - vs. a few arcsec !

-> Also read Rigaut's paper...

Post-AO error budget & PSF morphology - 1



Post-AO error budget & PSF morphology – 2

$$\sigma_{\rm post-AO}^2 = \sigma_{\rm atm.}^2 + \sigma_{\rm AO~syst.}^2 + \sigma_{\rm others}^2$$



Anisoplanatic error —



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Anisoplanatic error – 2



Anisoplanatic error – 3

Numerical tool used for this study: CAOS

(CAOS Problem-Solving Environment + Software Package CAOS + Example project ``Anisoplanatism"...)

CAOS Problem-Solving Environment - 7.0			
File Edit Modules Run VM	Help		
Project name: Anisoplanatism Status: unmodified	Iterations: 100		
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The CAOS "PSE"...

- CAOS means Code for *Adaptive Optics* Systems.
- "PSE" means Problem-Solving Environment.
- It is written in IDL, and based on a modular structure.
- It is composed of a global interface (the CAOS Application Builder), a library of utility routines (the CAOS Library), and some scientific packages (the Software Packages).
- a Software Package is a set of modules dedicated to a given scientific subject (AO, imaging, whatever).

CAOS Problem Solving Environment -1

CAOS Application Builder

global interface

CAOS Library

ASTROLIB Library

Library

libraries

Software Package CAOS

Software Package AIRY

packages

CAOS Problem Solving Environment -2



somewhere else: astrolib, possibly some other library

CAOS Application Builder

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, Marine and Andrews	::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::	
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It is the global user interface of the CAOS PSE: essentially a worksheet where the user can place small blocks, the modules, and connect them with data paths to form a project.

When the project is designed, it can be saved on disk, generating the IDL code which implements the simulation program.

CAOS PSE: availability

All (*public*!) parts of the CAOS PSE are available for download:



End-to-end AO modeling with the Software Package CAOS



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Table 1. The 31 modules of the Software Package CAOS, version 7.0.		
Module	Purpose	
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ATM - ATMosphere building	-builds the turbulent atmosphere (FFT+subharmonics, Zernike)	
Ē.	(see also utility PSG - Phase Screen Generation)	
SRC - SouRCe definition	-characterizes the guide star/observed object	
GPR - Geometrical PRopagator	-propagates light from source to telescope through atmosphere	
IMG - IMaGing device	-forms an image of the observed object (+detector noises)	
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PYR - PYRamid wavefront sensor	-simulates the pyramid wavefront sensor	
SLO - SLOpe computation	-computes the slopes from the pyramid signals	
SWS - Shack-Hartman Wavefront Sensor	-simulates the Shack-Hartmann (SH) wavefront sensor	
BQC - Barycentre/Quad-cell Centroiding	-compute the signals from the SH spots centroiding calculus	
IWS - Ideal Wavefront Sensing	-applies "ideal" wavefront sensing (see text)	
TCE - Tip-tilt CEntroiding	-computes and reconstructs tip-tilt	
Wavefront reconstruction, control & correction		
REC - wavefront REConstruction	-reconstructs the wavefront	
TFL - Time-FiLtering	-applies time-filtering after wavefront reconstruction	
SSC - State-Space Control	-applies state-space control	
DMI - Deformable MIrror	-simulates the behavior of a deformable mirror (DM)	
TTM - Tip-Tilt Mirror	-simulates the behavior of a tip-tilt mirror	
Calibration		
CFB - Calibration FiBer characterization	-defines a fiber to be used for calibration purpose	
MDS - Mirror Deformation Sequencer	-generates a sequence of DM modes or influence functions	
SCD - Save Calibration Data	-saves the calibration data (interaction matrix+set of deformates)	
Wide-field AO		
AVE - signals AVEraging	-averages measurements from various wavefront sensors	
COM - COMbine measurements	-combines measurements from various wavefront sensors	
DMC - Deformable Mirror Conjugated	-corrects at different conjugated altitudes	
Other modelling modules		
LAS - LASer characterization	-defines laser projector characteristics	
NLS - Na-Layer Spot definition	-characterizes the Sodium-layer behavior	
IBC - Interferometric Beam Combiner	-combines the light from two apertures	
COR - CORonagraphic module	-simulates various coronagraphs (Lyot, Roddier&Roddier, FQPM)	
AIC - Achromatic Interfero-Coronagraph	-simulates the Achromatic Interfero-Coronagraph	
BSP - Beam SPlitter	-splits the light beam	
Other utility modules		
WFA - WaveFront Adding	-adds or combines together wavefronts	
IMA - IMage Adding	-adds or combines together images	
STF - STructure Function	-calculates the structure function and compares to theory	

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Installation of CAOS-lite - 1 (CAOS PSE + lite version of Soft.Pack.CAOS)

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INSTALLATION PROCESS (& BRIEF INTRODUCTION):
  (CAOS-lite, version 2024)
  01-Unpack CAOS-install.zip somewhere on your account, the directory
           -install/" is created, and it contains both a lite version of CAOS
     (within directory "CAOS-lite/") and the IDL Astronomy Library (within
     directory "astrolib/"). The lite version of CAOS contains itself both
     the CAOS PSE (Problem-Solving Environment - the IDL-based CAOS global
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     architecture and interface) and a special lite edition of the CAOS
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     Software Package (based on CAOS Software Package version 7.0), as well
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     as a working directory, "work_caos/".
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  02-Go to the working directory "work_caos/" and fix the paths in the
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     environment-parameters files "caos_env.sh" and "caos_startup.pro".
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  03-Still within the working directory, type "source caos_env.sh".
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  04-Launch IDL.
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  05-Type "@compile_all_CAOSlite_modules" in order to re-generate the
     default parameter files of the whole set of modules (upgrading so
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     any possible pre-defined path).
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  06-Type "worksheet" at the CAOS prompt in order to use the CAOS
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     Application Builder (the global interface of the tool).
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<sup>29</sup> NB-1: Steps 01,02,05 are necessary just once, during installation.
<sup>30</sup> NB-2: Steps 03,04,06 are necessary for each opened terminal from which
        you wish to use IDL together with CAOS.
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Installation of CAOS-lite – 2 (CAOS PSE + lite version of Soft.Pack.CAOS)

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  SOME ADDITIONAL REMARKS:
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         http://lagrange.oca.eu/caos
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      for further informations on the CAOS PSE and its official packages.
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42 02-Please never redistribute any CAOS part by yourself, rather refer to
      http://lagrange.oca.eu/caos.
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  03-New projects start within the worksheet with "File"->"New Project". Modules
are put within the worksheet through button "Modules", and can be cloned
or deleted using "Edit"->"Clone module" or "Edit"->"Delete item". Each color
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      at the left- or right-side of a module represents a type of input or output.
      In order to link two modules, click on the output of the first one and then
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      click on the input of the second one. When the design of your simulation is
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      completed, including setting of the total number of iterations, save the
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      project using "File"->"Save Project". Then you can set the parameters related
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      to each module using its dedicated GUI called by clicking on the module at
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      any moment.
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  04-For a detailed tutorial refer to:
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         http://lagrange.oca.eu/caos/tutorial/tutorial.html
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  05-In order to run a project, for example a project named "Anisoplanatism":
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      > .rn ./Projects/Anisoplanatism/project.pro
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      or alternatively use button "Run" from the CAOS PSE worksheet.
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  Completed March 2024 - Marcel Carbillet
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